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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO OBASANJO

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE HEAD OF STATE. THE ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY FOR EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY.

2. QUOTE: DEAR GENERAL OBASANJO:

AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN, I DEEPLY REGRET THE UNFORTUNATE NECESSITY FOR POSTPONING MY VISIT TO NIGERIA.

IT WAS A PERSONAL PLEASURE TO HAVE WELCOMED YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE. YOUR--AND YOUR GOVERNMENT'S--LEADERSHIP OF NIGERIA IS INSPIRATIONAL FOR FUTURE PROGRESS IN AFRICA AND THE WORLD. I HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED YOUR STAY IN OUR COUNTRY.
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THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL ELEPHANT TUSK WHICH YOU PRESENTED ON THAT OCCASION. THE CARVING SPLENDIDLY REFLECTS THE ARTISTIC CRAFTSMANSHIP OF YOUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.

I APPRECIATE THE HONOR OF OUR CLOSE AND PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP, AS WELL AS THE WISDOM OF YOUR ADVICE AND COUNSEL.

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BECAUSE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS, I AM CONVINCED THAT OUR TWO PEOPLES SHARE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO COMMON VALUES AND THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES IS AN EVERGROWING ONE.

THROUGH OUR COOPERATION, I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE GREAT STRIDES TOWARD PEACE AND JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE. VANCE

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